



**MATTHEW G. BEVIN**  
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Secretary of State**  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

**2019-1238**  
**December 6, 2019**

**PARDON**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**


**WHEREAS**, Samantha Jean Dowden of Prichard, West Virginia was convicted in Lawrence County Circuit Court in 2010 of trafficking in controlled substance and in 2009 of theft by deception; and

**WHEREAS**, Samantha Dowden has turned her life around in an impressive way and is a valuable member of society. It is my belief that she will continue to serve others around her for years to come as a role model worthy of emulation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is my privilege to grant her the full and unconditional pardon that she has requested:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in consideration of the foregoing, and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by Sections 77, 145, and 150 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby unconditionally pardon Samantha Jean Dowden a/k/a Samantha Jean Smith and return to her all rights and privileges of a citizen of this Commonwealth.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Frankfort, this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord Two  
Thousand and Nineteen and in the year of the  
Commonwealth the Two Hundred Twenty Eighth.

  
MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

  
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Secretary of State

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